

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025

Members Present: Rick Like, Bonnie Petersen, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske, John Brouwer

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:00pm.

Welcome Guests: No guests were present with Open Forum requests. Rhonda Wynia was present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of December Minutes: The council was asked to review the December meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from December 9, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: A busy couple of months for Community Center rentals and events was noted. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: Riley recapped several income and expense line items from the Profit & Loss statement for the month, specifically noting receipts of late property tax revenue and the second half of 2024 local government aid. There was also a receipt from the Hadley Baseball Association for tractor repair expense reimbursement. For expenses, the claim settlement payment on last season's tractor for \$8,761.00, current tractor lease down payment of \$2,500.00 and New Year's Eve Party cost share expenses between Summit Bar, the Hadley Lions Club and Currie Town & Country Boosters were discussed. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the General Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with one previous delinquent utility shutoff followed up on during the month. Mayor Like reported that this connection was confirmed to still be shut off, despite recent activity at the property. Riley confirmed that no payments on this account had been received prior to the meeting. Riley also reported that two previously delinquent utility account balances were turned over to Murray County Auditor/Treasurer's Office as special assessments for 2025 property tax roll, so these have been removed from the monthly aged balance report and are now pending collection by Murray County. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Water & Sewer Committee: Mayor Like noted that he received the normal correspondence from MDH, following a recent water sampling, and that there are no areas of current concern.
- Streets Committee: Council Member Pieske stated that her husband, Nick, had hung the mirror on a light pole near Main Street and 2nd Avenue W, however he is thinking the reflection isn't working as intended and that the mirror may need to be relocated. Placement of the mirror will be evaluated for maximum utilization. Council Member Veldhuisen noted that the tractor has returned from C&B Operations, Slayton following several issues related to a PTO repair, oil leak and broken snowblower cable. It is currently stored in the new shed for use when winter weather arrives.
- Personnel Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Park & Recreation Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.

Old Business:

- Pump House Insulation: Mayor Like reported that he had not yet had a chance to follow up with Chandler Coop regarding the vent pipe/service concerns discussed last month, following completion of the Pump House Insulation project. He is going to have Chandler Coop look at the currently installed 4" vent pipe to see about sealing it up and intends to have an update prior to the next meeting.
- "Old Park" Street Lighting: Mayor Like noted that he has placed a call to the Xcel Energy Exterior Lighting division regarding the light located to the south of the driveway coming into the North Lift Station across from Summit Lake, however he is awaiting information back. Riley mentioned that this does appear to be a dark area and potential safety concern with people frequently entering and exiting the lake on a year-round basis. Mayor Like is currently awaiting additional information on this situation and he plans to also request other details concerning the streetlights in relation to how many lights the city is currently being billed for vs. how many are operational.

New Business:

- 2025 Appointments & Committees: Riley presented all council members with a listing of the 2024 Appointments/Committees for review and re-approval. After review and discussion, it was determined that no changes to the existing Appointments/Committees were necessary for the current year. The following Appointments/Committees were recommended for 2025:
 - Acting Mayor: Henry Veldhuisen
 - Weed Inspector: Henry Veldhuisen
 - Board of Appeal & Equalization: Richard Like & Jill Pieske
 - City Attorney: Merlyn Anderson
 - City Prosecuting Attorney: Travis Smith
 - City Auditor: Kinner & Company Ltd

- City Insurance Agent: Farmer’s Agency of Avoca, Inc. – League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust
- Official Depository: Minnwest Bank, LMC 4M Fund
- Official Newspaper: Murray County Wheel-Herald
- Water & Sewer Committee: Richard Like, Henry Veldhuisen & John Brouwer
- Streets Committee: Richard Like, Bonnie Petersen & John Brouwer
- Personnel Committee: Richard Like, Jill Pieske & Bonnie Petersen
- Park & Recreation Committee: Richard Like, Bonnie Petersen & Henry Veldhuisen, Myron Bennett

MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to approve the 2025 Appointments/Committees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2024 Audit Engagement Letter: Riley presented the annual engagement letter from Kinner & Company Ltd to perform services related to the financial audit and preparation of related financial statements for the year ended 12/31/2024, for review and recommended approval. Following review, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the engagement letter as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will complete the paperwork to confirm the engagement.
- 2024 Fund Balances – Quarter 4 Review: The council was presented with the quarterly fund balance spreadsheet for review. The city fund balances continue to represent a good financial position.
- Article 27 – Cannabis Regulations: Riley presented information he received via email from Jean Christoffels of the Murray County Environmental Services office concerning the requirements for Article 27 related to Cannabis. Each jurisdiction has the option to differ the administration of this article and related policies to Murray County or adopt their own rules and regulations concerning Cannabis within the jurisdiction. Following discussion, it was decided to defer the administration of Article 27: Cannabis Regulations to Murray County. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Like and Riley signed the Joint Powers Agreement requested by Murray County to complete this process.

MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske for payment of unpaid bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 6:42pm.

Following meeting adjournment, Council Member Veldhuisen requested to re-open the meeting, as an additional item of new business needed to be discussed. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to re-open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The previously adjourned meeting was re-opened at 6:43pm.

- Shed Garage Door Opener: Council Member Veldhuisen requested approval to purchase a garage door opener for the new shed, so the snow removal equipment can enter and exit the

shed without operator having to manually open door each time. With the council in agreement on this purchase, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to authorize the purchase and installation of a Garage Door Opener for the new shed. Motion carried unanimously.

Following additional discussion related to the last item of New Business "Shed Garage Door Opener", MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled, re-opened meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 6:50pm.



Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

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